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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - AGENDA ITEM 11: NETWORK FOR
THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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1. SUMMARY: AFTER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR WELLS
AND UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL (USYG) RIPERT, USDEL DECIDED
NOT TO SUBMIT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON NETWORK, BUT TO OBTAIN
NEEDED ASSURANCES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RES. 32/178 BY
ELICITING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED IN DEBATE
ON ITEM 11. RESPONSES WERE MADE BY OST DIRECTOR STANDKE
AND PROVIDED A TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION. DELEGATION
BELIEVES THAT DISCUSSION OF NETWORK IN AMB YOUNG'S PLENARY
SPEECH, AND INTERVIEW WITH AMB WELLS HAVE FULLY IMPRESSED
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ON RIPERT IMPORTANCE TO US OF NETWORK, AND THAT
PROMISED ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER.
END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 10 AMB WELLS AND DELOFF EXPRESSED US CONCERNs
ABOUT PROGRESS ON NETWORK TO USYG RIPERT, NOTING THAT
AMB YOUNG INTENDED TO RAISE PROBLEM IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE

ADDRESS (REF (B)) AND INDICATING WE WERE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE NEEDED ACTIONS. RIPERT, WHOSE KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AT THAT TIME WAS INCOMPLETE, WAS CLEARLY UNHAPPY AT PROSPECT OF RESOLUTION AND SUGGESTED WE SEEK ANY CLARIFICATIONS NEEDED IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION IN ECOSOC ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF REPORT ON NETWORK CONTAINED IN REF (C). ON FOCAL POINT, HE NOTED THAT ACC SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WOULD PROVIDE GENERAL COORDINATION; HE WAS, HOWEVER, NOT READY TO DESIG- NATE ANY SPECIFIC POINT WITHIN HIS DEPARTMENT (I.E., BETWEEN OST AND INFORMATION SERVICES UNIT - MRS. MILLER). US DEL NOTED THAT WHILE QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN IESA WAS FOR HIM TO RESOLVE, OTHER QUESTIONS RESOLUTION WAS INTENDED TO MEET WOULD NEED ANSWERS. WE AGREED, HOW- EVER, TO TRY TO SEEK THEM IN THE MANNER HE SUGGESTED.

3. SOME DAYS THEREAFTER, DELOFF WAS CONTACTED BY OST DIRECTOR STANDKE ON NETWORK. IN MEETING WITH HIM, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON PROCEDURE WHEREBY HE WOULD FORMALLY PROVIDE ASSURANCES NEEDED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN DEBATE ON ITEM 11. THIS PROCEDURE WAS CARRIED OUT ON JULY 27. TEXTS OF US STATEMENT, AND STANDKE'S REPLY ARE INCLUDED IN PARAS 7 AND 8 RESPECTIVELY. IN EFFECT, STANDKE'S RESPONSE ESTABLISHES A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS AS FOLLOWS:

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- JULY 31-AUGUST 11: MEETING OF ACC SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING COORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS
- JULY 31-AUGUST 11: MEETING OF ACAST TO SUGGEST ONE OR MORE SUBJECT AREAS FOR NETWORK
- END DECEMBER: REPORT ON PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF PILOT OPERATION OF UNIDO BANK
- CONCLUSION OF WORK IN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS IN TIME FOR
- JANUARY 22-FEBRUARY 2, 1979: PREPCOM III FOR UNCSTD, AT WHICH TIME SPECIAL EXPERTS MEETING REFERRED TO IN PARA 14(A) OF REF (C) WILL BE HELD
- THEREAFTER, COMPLETION OF FINAL REPORT IN TIME FOR SUBMISSION THROUGH ECOSOC TO 34TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (WORK EXPECTED TO BE DONE ON CONTRACT.)

4. IN DELEGATION'S VIEW, THESE PROCEDURES, PLUS AMPLE EVIDENCE TO RIPERT OF LEVEL OF US CONCERN AS EXPRESSED IN AMB YOUNG'S PLENARY REMARKS AND MEETING WITH AMB WELLS, SHOULD ENSURE THAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO FULLY IMPLEMENT

RESOLUTION IN MANNER WE DESIRE. USUN WILL MONITOR RESULTS OF ACAST, ACC AND EXPERTS MEETINGS. ALTHOUGH THE LAST WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE IN LATE JANUARY, THIS SHOULD STILL GIVE AMPLE TIME FOR PREPARATION OF FINAL REPORT. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN AN INTERNAL DOCUMENT WHICH INDICATES FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED IN REGULAR BUDGET. ON THE SURFACE, AT LEAST, THESE SEEM ADEQUATE. AS TO QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF OST AND INFORMATION SERVICES UNIT, DELEGATION BELIEVES IT BEST TO LEAVE THIS TO RIPERT.

5. SINCE WORK OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS IN DETERMINING FACILITIES AND NEEDS FOR NETWORK IS CENTRAL TO PROJECT, DELEGATION URGES THAT EMBASSIES RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH UN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS MAINTAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROPRIATE CONTACTS IN ENSURING THAT REGIONAL INPUTS TO

NETWORK ARE PROGRESSING. DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND MATERIAL TO THEM AS NEEDED.

6. DEPT WILL NOTE REFERENCE IN US REMARKS TO ABSENCE OF MENTION OF APPROPRIATE UNGA RESOLUTIONS IN PILOT DIRECTORY OF UN INFORMATION SERVICES. DELOFF DISCUSSED THIS BEFORE-HAND WITH WRIGLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERORGANIZATION BOARD FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IOIS) IN GENEVA. HE NOTED THAT POINT HAD NEVER BEEN MADE TO HIM BY HIS MANY OTHER CONTACTS IN USG (IO, AID) BUT AGREED, IN UNLIKELY EVENT MORE COPIES WERE DISTRIBUTED, TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATE MENTION. DELOFF ACCEPTED THIS ASSURANCE, AND IN ENSUEING DISCUSSION NOTED OUR INTENTION TO HELP PROMOTE BETTER COLLABORATION BETWEEN SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE USERS OF UN COMPUTER CAPACITY.

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7. TEXT OF RELEVANT PORTION OF USDEL REMARKS ON ITEM 11 FOLLOWS:

"MR. CHAIRMAN:

AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS ALREADY ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO MAJOR ASPECTS OF THIS DISCUSSION - THE PROCESS OF CHANGE LEADING TO A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AND THE NATURE OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. I SHALL NOT ENDEAVOR TO ADD TO HIS WORDS ON THESE THEMES.

THERE IS ONE QUESTION, HOWEVER, WHICH MY AMBASSADOR RAISED IN HIS ADDRESS IN THE PLENARY, WHICH IS MORE APPROPRIATELY EXPLORED IN DETAIL HERE IN THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. I REFER TO PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GA RES EW/178, DEALING WITH THE NETWORK FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION.

THERE IS ONE KEY ASPECT OF THE RESOLUTION, AND OF THE NETWORK CONCEPT, WHICH, AS MY AMBASSADOR NOTED, IF ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING OPERATIONAL THROUGH AGREEMENT ON FIRST PILOT AREAS. I REFER TO THE UNIDO INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE RESOLUTION, WORK ON THE BROADER CONCEPT REPRESENTED BY THE NETWORK MUST CONSISTENTLY BEAR IN MIND DECISIONS RELATIVE TO THE BANK, AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS.

THE OBJECT OF OUR ATTENTION TODAY, HOWEVER, IS THE NETWORK AS A WHOLE, AND PARTICULARLY THE REPORT CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT E/1978/72. I REFER IN PARTICULAR TO PARA-

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GRAPHS 10-14 OF THAT DOCUMENT.

RELATIVE TO PARA 12 IT IS GRATIFYING TO MY DELEGATION
TO NOTE THAT THE USER-ORIENTED PILOT DIRECTORY OF UNITED
NATIONS INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SERVICES HAS NOW BEEN
PUBLISHED. THE RECORD SHOULD BE CLEAR, MR. CHAIRMAN,
THAT THIS WORK WAS PREPARED BY THE INTERORGANIZATION
BOARD FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS PURSUANT TO THREE RESOLU-
TIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 3507(XXX), 31/183 AND
32/178 AND UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERAGENCY TASK
FORCE SET UP BY RESOLUTION 3507 (XXX). MY DELEGATION
UNDERSTANDS THAT MENTION OF THIS FACT WILL BE MADE IN
ANY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED IN THE FUTURE.

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EARLIER DOCUMENT E/C.8/53, IN WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SUGGESTED THAT THE CHOICE OF SUBJECT AREAS FOR PILOT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NETWORK BE MADE BY THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT THEY BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE ILLUSTRATIVE SUBJECT AREAS SELECTED BY THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE IN ITS CAPACITY AS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR UNCSTD, WHICH MET IMMEDIATELY BEFORE.

THE COMMITTEE, WISELY IN MY DELEGATION'S VIEW, DECLINED TO MAKE SUCH A CHOICE, AND PASSED A DECISION, NUMBER 6 (IV), SUGGESTING THAT ACAST TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE ISSUE. MY DELEGATION WELCOMES THE INTEREST OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE A VALUABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INPUT IN CHOOSING ONE OR MORE AMONG THE ILLUSTRATIVE SUBJECT AREAS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR PILOT OPERATION OF THE NETWORK. I WOULD RECALL IN PASSING, HOWEVER, THAT THE QUESTION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF THE NETWORK WAS ALREADY EXPLORED FULLY, AND WITH A POSITIVE CONCLUSION, BY THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE SET UP UNDER RESOLUTION 3507 (XXX). RESOLUTION 32/178 WAS A CONSEQUENCE OF THAT CONCLUSION.

AS ANOTHER INPUT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE RESOLUTION, WE WOULD EXPECT THE ACC, PARTICULARLY ITS SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, TO OFFER ITS ADVICE WITH REGARD TO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND COORDINATION DURING THE PERIOD OF STUDY.

THE MEETINGS OF ACAST AND THE ACC BODY, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, ARE TO BE HELD IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, SO THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THESE BODIES WILL BE SOON AVAILABLE. BUT THESE DO NOT CONSTITUTE, IN MY DELEGATION'S VIEW, THE KIND OF MEETING INDICATED IN PARA 14(A) OF DOCUMENT E/1978/72. WHAT THIS MEETING MUST DO, MR. CHAIRMAN, IS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE GENERAL AND THE SPECIFIC -- THAT IS, TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE ACTUAL WORK OF RESEARCHING, AND DRAWING UP THE REPORT TO THE 34TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL CONTAIN ALTERNATIVES FOR FURTHER WORK ON THE NETWORK, INCLUDING TIME SCHEDULES, COSTS AND USER-ORIENTED OPERATIONAL SUGGESTIONS, TOGETHER WITH, OF COURSE, FINAL SUGGESTIONS AS TO SECTIONS AND/OR SUBJECT AREAS WHERE THERE IS A PARTICULAR REQUIREMENT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION NETWORK. IT IS AT THIS MEETING, AND IN THE WORK WHICH FOLLOWS IT, THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD, IN THE WORDS OF THE RESOLUTION "USE THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELDS OF

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IDENTIFICATION OF USER NEEDS, INFORMATION EXCHANGE, AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY". THE MEETING, IN OTHER WORDS, SHOULD BE ATTENDED BY COMPETENT EXPERTS FROM UNCTAD, UNIDO, WIPO, UNESCO AND OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TOGETHER WITH THE SECRETARIAT PROPER AND, OF COURSE, THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WHOSE INSIGHTS WILL LIKELY BE THE MOST PERTINENT OF ALL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MY DELEGATION WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF THE SPECIFIC PLANS BEING MADE FOR SUCH A MEETING. WE ASSUME IT WILL BE HELD SOME TIME AFTER THE DATES SUGGESTED IN THE DOCUMENT.

PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14(B) REFER PRECISELY TO THE INSIGHTS AND VIEWS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. IN MY DELEGATION'S VIEW, THE MOST VALUABLE LINK BETWEEN UNCSTD AND THE NETWORK IS UNDOUBTEDLY TO BE FOUND IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PAPERS, WHICH HAVE BEEN THE OCCASION FOR THE KIND OF EXPLORATION AND EXAMINATION OF NEEDS AND POTENTIALS ON WHICH A NETWORK SYSTEM SHOULD BE BASED. ON THIS BASIS, THE REGIONS HAVE BEGUN THEIR WORK PERTAINING TO THE NETWORK. WE HOPE AS MUCH OF IT AS POSSIBLE WILL BE FINISHED BEFORE THE MEETING INDICATED IN PARA 14(A), AND WE HOPE ABOVE ALL THAT THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS THEY ENVISION IT. THE EFFORTS OF THE REGIONS ARE CENTRAL TO THE PROJECT, AS ARE THEIR VIEWS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 32/178.

FINALLY, PARA 14(C) OF THE DOCUMENT PROVIDES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FINAL REPORT TO THE 34TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL A YEAR FROM NOW.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THROUGH YOU, I HAVE ALREADY PUT ONE QUESTION TO THE SECRETARIAT. I HAVE ANOTHER, OF A MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL NATURE, WHICH REQUIRES ONLY A GENERAL ANSWER.
MY DELEGATION IS AWARE THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WILL
REQUIRE FURTHER RESOURCES TO COMPLETE THEIR STUDY AND
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NETWORK, AS NOTED IN PARA 14(B);
WE ARE AWARE THAT THE EXPERTS MEETING SUGGESTED IN PARA
14(A), AND THE FINAL PREPARATIONS OF A REPORT PREPARED
IN PARA 14(C) WILL REQUIRE EXPENDITURES OF FUND. THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL ALSO HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE
NECESSARY ONGOING SECRETARIAT SUPPORT BE PROVIDED FOR ALL
OF THE ABOVE. BASED ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
STATEMENT, OR RATHER, THE ABSENCE THEREOF RELATIVE TO
RESOLUTION 32/178, WE ASSUME THESE WILL BE PROVIDED FROM
THE REGULAR BUDGET. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY
ASSURANCE, OR INDICATION THAT COULD BE GIVEN THAT THESE
FUNDS WILL BE ADEQUATE.

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HAVING TAKEN THE FLOOR FOR THIS LONG, SIR, I WOULD
BEG YOUR AND THE COMMITTEE'S INDULGENCE FOR SOME REMARKS
ON OTHER DOCUMENTS FALLING UNDER THESE ITEMS.

AMONG THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF THESE IS THE REPORT OF
THE 14TH SESSION OF THE CDP, WHICH MY DELEGATION CONSIDERS

A CONSTRUCTIVE INPUT TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TO A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. WE EXPECT TO BE COMING BACK TO IT OFTEN AS WORK ON A STRATEGY ADVANCES. RELATIVE TO THE CDP WE THANK THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ALSO FOR HIS PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF LONG-TERM TRENDS IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONS OF THE WORLD. WE BELIEVE THIS REPORT IS EVIDENCE OF THE CAPACITY OF CDP TO BECOME MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF LONG-TERM STUDIES AND PROJECTIONS WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM, INCLUDING ALL THOSE PERTINENT TO THE NEW DECADE.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF REPORTS BEFORE US ON ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. LIKE OTHER DELEGATIONS, WE LOOK TO THE UNCTAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED, AND TO THE UNCTAD TDB FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE QUESTIONS. MY OWN GOVERNMENT WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST, AS SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO ASSIST THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES HAVE ITS SUPPORT. IT IS KNOWN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ALL ASSISTANCE MY GOVERNMENT PROVIDES TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED IS ON A GRANT BASIS.

MY DELEGATION WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND MOST PARTICULARLY, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ILO FOR THE THOROUGH REPORT ON PROGRESS IN THE IMPLIMENTED OFFICIAL USE

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MENTATION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT E/1978/88. THE INTEREST OF MY GOVERNMENT, AND OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, IN INCREASING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE POOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IS WELL KNOWN.

FINALLY, SIR, BUT NOT LEAST IMPORTANT, MY DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE REPORT ON THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT E/1978/76. MY DELEGATION IS QUITE AWARE OF THE EXTENSIVE ROLE THE PUBLIC SECTOR MUST PLAY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN SATISFYING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NEEDS WHICH, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, OANNOT BE MET BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE FURTHER BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WHERE THE STRENGTHS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN BE EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, THE PUBLIC SECTOR SHOULD STIMULATE THIS INVOLVEMENT. THE UNITED STATES FAVORS EFFICIENT PUBLIC SECTOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME AND WEALTH DISTRIBUTION IN SUPPORT OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. WE ARE GRATEFUL BY THE ATTENTION GIVEN THESE QUESTIONS

ON SECTIONS I, E, AND F OF THE REPORT, AND THE SUGGESTION
MADE RELATIVE TO THE STUDY OF TAXATION AND TAX POLICY.

WE ARE EQUALY GRATIFIED BY THE REPORT'S DISCUSSION
OF THE IMPACT OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR ON CAPITAL FORMATION
(SECTION I-A) AND THE RECOGNITION THAT CAPITAL FORMATION
AND DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY CAN BE ACCELERATED BY MORE
EFFICIENT AND SELF-SUSTAINING OPERATIONS IN PUBLIC SECTOR
ACTIVITIES."

8. TEXT OF REPLY OF STANDKE FOLLOWS:

"THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE 'NETWORK
FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND THE
INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK' (E/1978/72)
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CONTAINS A CONCISE HISTORY OF ALL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN SO FAR BY THE UN SYSTEM IN RESPONSE TO THE VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

IN PURSUANCE TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF RESOLUTION A/RES/32/178, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION HAS DECIDED THAT HENCEFORTH THE CO-ORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED DURING THE PERIOD OF STUDY ENVISAGED UNDER PARAS 3 AND 4 OF RESOLUTION 32/178 SHALL BE HANDLED WITHIN THE EXISTING FRAMEWORK OF THE ACC SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS MATTER DURING ITS FORTHCOMING SESSION TO BE HELD DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS IN GENEVA.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITS FOURTH SESSION, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT AT ITS 24TH SESSION BEGINNING NEXT WEEK IN GENEVA WILL BE ELABORATING RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC AREAS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EXPERIMENTAL NETWORK.

ONCE THE ONE OR SEVERAL SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREAS FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE HAVE BEEN SELECTED, THE FOLLOWING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS IS ENVISAGED: THE FIRST STEP IN THIS REQUIRES WORK BY THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. PROGRESS IN THIS WILL BE ASSESSED BY THE ACC SUB-COMMITTEE AT A SESSION DURING THE THIRD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE UNCSTD, SCHEDULED AT PRESENT TO MEET IN NEW YORK IN THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER 1978.

CONCERNING THE CONVENING OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AS REFERRED TO IN PARA 14(A) OF DOCUMENT E/1978/72, IT WAS PREVIOUSLY ENVISAGED TO HOLD IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING ACAST MEETING. HOWEVER, SINCE IT WAS FELT THAT MORE CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE CONCERNED MEMBERS OF THE UN SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY WITH THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, WERE NECESSARY, THE MEETING IS NOW BEING ENVISAGED TO TAKE PLACE IN CONNEXION WITH THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR UNCSTD. THIS PARTICULAR DATE FOR THE PLANNED MEETING, I.E. FEBRUARY 1979, SEEMS TO OFFER A REALISTIC TIMEFRAME FOR THE WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THEN AND, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE PILOT OPERATION OF UNIDO INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK, TO WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF UNIDO HAS JUST REFERRED THIS MORNING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO END IN DECEMBER 1978, COVERING FOUR SPECIFIC INDUSTRIAL SECTORS, I.E., IRON

AND STEEL, TEXTILES, AGRO-INDUSTRIES AND AGRICULTURAL
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MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS, ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. FURTHERMORE, SINCE ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES AND ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONS ARE ATTENDING THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE CONFERENCE, THE BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE MINIMIZED.

IN ANY EVENT, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO MEET THE COST FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NETWORK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING BUDGETARY RESOURCES.

THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REFERRED TO IN PARA 10 OF THE RESOLUTION WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 34TH SESSION."

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